

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

[0041] A stent removal system. Surgical devices and methods are provided for a system that allows the repositioning or removal of luminal stents. A conventional stent is modified by the addition of a tightening drawstring with a loop or region for grasping. When the stent is inserted within the body, the drawstring is slack and does not constrict the stent. When the drawstring is tightened, for example by pulling on the region for grasping, the circumference of the stent at the terminus is decreased, allowing the stent to be repositioned or removed without trauma to the organ.